

Minutes for December 7, 2022  
School Board Work Session  
Holdingford Public School

Potluck was enjoyed by all!

Chair Feia called the Work Session of the School Board of Independent School District #738 to order at 6:10 PM in the High School meeting room.

Members present: Evelyn Martini, Elissa Ebnet, Ed Feia, Sarah Binek, Lori Opatz, Rob Knettel and Pat Meier. Absent: None.

Also attending was Superintendent Chris Swenson, Elementary Principal Jim Stang, Secondary Principal Tim Wege, Business Manager Garrity Gerber and District Adm. Assistant Linda Zapzalka.

Mr. Swenson updated the Board on the Portrait Of A Graduate cohort using Battelle to facilitate and train a leadership team from each of the six districts that plan to participate. The plan is to start the process in 3 to 6 months. Once the leadership teams are trained they will lead the districts, meeting with larger groups to develop a Portrait of a Graduate that is individualized for our school district.

MSBA Conference, all Board members will be attending.

#### Superintendent Goals

Ms. Opatz presented information from the MSBA workshop. She explained MSBA has eight standards used to establish goals. She suggested focusing on two of them. Discussion ensued on the Human Resources Standard and on the Communication and Community Relations Standard. The consensus of the Board is to focus on the following two goals which will be included when conducting the Superintendent Evaluation along with the evaluation of his overall duties.

Goal 1: To bolster retention and recruitment of employees through recognition, support and creating a culture of belonging.

Goal 2: To promote positive relations within the school and community by encouraging staff to "Tell Our Story".

The meeting continued with a review of the policy revisions from MSBA for Policy 515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records: The MN legislature added a definition of "education support services data" and designated such student data as private data. The definition is part of the new MN student data privacy and technology law and Policy 534 School Meals Policy: On 11/17/2022 the MN Attorney General issued an opinion stating that "alternate meals" constitute "shaming". In light of the Attorney General opinion, MSBA has updated this policy to remove the alternate meal option. Policy 535 Service Animals In Schools was also reviewed. The policies will be adopted at the 12/21/2022 School Board meeting.

Principal Posting Mr. Swenson explained the plan to post for the Secondary Principal position mid December with the application deadline being 1/27/2023 and interviews to take place early in February.

Principal Wege shared information on grad credits with block schedule versus 7-period day schedule. He recommends transitioning to requiring 29 credits to graduate with the block schedule.

The agenda was completed at 7:45 PM with a motion to adjourn by Opatz and a second by Binek. Motion carried. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Pat Meier, Clerk